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# MINUTES OF THE WARDENS FOR THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA 1766

## INTRODUCTION

Contained herein are the Minutes of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia for 1766 - the inaugural year for the predecessor of all state pilot regulating commissions in the United States.

That first year was precedent setting. They designed the *form of Certificate* to license pilots; established a licensure fee *upon a calculation of the expenses attending the Certificate*; developed *the form of a Bond for the pilots to execute*; settled pilotage disputes between ship captains and pilots who *spoke him*; revoked the license of a pilot who they determined was *rendered incapable of exercising the office and duty of a pilot* and gave him notice *to deliver up his branch*; and after learning that *most of the pilots have refused to carry down vessels unless they had a greater price for their service than law allows*, determined to *endeavor to fall on a method to bring the offenders to a sense of their duty*.

Thus, these documents are of a historic significance to all commissioners who succeed the Port Wardens in the governance of the office and duty of Pilot.

Charles J. Blankenship

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# Minutes of the Wardens, for the Port of Philadelphia

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1766

The Persons appointed by Act of Assembly as Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia met at the London Coffee house and after taking the Qualification required by the said Act (which was administered by Samuel Mifflin Esq<sup>r</sup>) they proceeded to the choice of their President when Mr Peter Reeve was duly Elected.

Agreed that the President, Mr Abel James & Mr John Nixon be a Committee to agree with Jos. Saunders to serve the Wardens, a Clerk and to provide a proper Office to transact their Business.

Agreed to have the figure of the Light House cut on Steel or Silver for the Wardens Seal with the Words Delaware Bay & River for a Motto; and that Mr James & Mr Eve be a Committee to see this Seal well cut.

The Wardens agree to meet again on Thursday Evening next 7 o'clock to hear the Reports of the above Committees and proceed to such other Business as may be necessary.

Thursday Even. May 15<sup>th</sup> 1766

The President & Wardens met according to appointment and Mr Saunders being there, agreed to serve them as Clerk and to provide them with an Office at his House, the Rent & Salary to be fixed at some future Meeting of the Wardens, when they said Saunders can better judge of the Trouble & Employment the Clerk has in executing his Duty.

It is agreed that the following form of a Certificate shall be struck on a Copper Plate to be used and given to such Pilots as may hereafter be approved of by the Board of Wardens vizt.

Port of Philad<sup>a</sup>

Rate Pilot

(Seal) This may Certify unto all Persons whom these Presents may concern That Pilot in the Bay & River of Delaware has been duly examined before the Wardens of this Port appointed by an Act of Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania Intituled, an Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for the Regulation of Pilots, plying in the River and Bay of Delaware, and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port, and has been found by them to be Properly Qualified to Act as a Pilot in the said Bay and River on boards of Ships or Vessels.

And the said is hereby authorized to Act in that Station on board  
any such Ships or Vessels accordingly.

Given at Philadelphia the

Anno

day of



Mr James & Mr Eve are desired to get this Plate and Seal completed by Dawkins as soon as possible and on the most reasonable terms they can.

At a Meeting of the Wardens at the London Coffee house the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1766.

Present

Mr Reeve President  
Mr Hulings  
Mr Morris  
Mr Eve

Mr James  
Mr Nixon  
Mr Penrose

Mr Eve & Mr James, Report they have got the Copper plate & seal engraved by Henry Dawkins for which he charges six pounds ten shillings and that they have got one hundred & three of the Plate struck off upon Parchment cost six pounds six shillings & six pence vizt for Parchment to Mr Reeve Two pounds six shillings & six pence & to James Nevill for printing Two pounds.

Mr Morris & Mr Nixon are desired to draw the Form of a Bond for the Pilots to execute; The said Gentlemen are requested to draw an Advertisement to Notify the Pilots and others concerned where the Office is to be kept.

Mr Eve & Mr James are desired to get a Screw made for the use of the Office.

Upon a Calculation of the Expences attending the Certificate of the Wardens do agree the Pilots should pay Ten shillings for each Certificate.

The Clerk is Ordered to provide a Book for the Minutes and Accounts of four Quire of thick post paper. The Wardens adjourn to meet to morrow at 12 o'clock at the Office at Jos. Saunders's.

At a Meeting of the Wardens at the Office May 31<sup>st</sup> 1766

Present

Mr Reeve  
Mr Hulings  
Mr Eve

Mr James  
Mr Nixon  
Mr Penrose

The form of a Bond was produced which the Clerk is ordered to copy fair and direct William Bradford to print Two hundred of them on good Paper; also a Copy of an Advertisement was produced of which the Clerk is also ordered to get Two hundred printed & put some of them up at the usual places of the Pilots Resort in and about this City, and also to have them put in the Pennsylvania Gazette and Journal and continued there till forbid. The Wardens adjourn to Monday next at 10 o'clock in the morning.

At a Meeting of the Wardens June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1766

Present

Mr Reeve  
Mr Hulings  
Mr Eve

Mr Morris  
Mr Penrose

The following Persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after Security being given as required by Law, vizt

N<sup>o</sup> 1 Sam<sup>l</sup> Arnolds, for which he paid Ten shillings

N<sup>o</sup> 2 Abraham Bonnet



- N<sup>o</sup> 3 James Newards for which he paid Ten shillings  
 4 Tho<sup>s</sup> Willis Ditto  
 5 Dan<sup>l</sup> Gordon Ditto  
 6 Tho<sup>s</sup> Howland Ditto  
 7 Isaac Marshall Ditto  
 8 Richard Westly Ditto  
 9 Sam<sup>l</sup> Edwards Ditto  
 10 William Ware Ditto  
 11 Toller Price Ditto  
 12 William Bennet Ditto  
 13 Jacob Marshall Ditto

The above Persons Bonds are Lodgd with the Clerk who is Orderd to take care of them until demanded from him by a board of Wardens

June 3<sup>d</sup> 1766  
 At a Meeting of the Wardens  
 Present

Mr Reeve

Mr Hulings

Mr Eve

Mr Nixon

Mr James

Mr Penrose

The Clerk Reports he has got a Book to keep the Minutes in from Samuel Taylor for which he charges eighteen shillings.

- N<sup>o</sup> 14 Robert Cook appeared and had his Branch deliverd him as a First Rate Pilot after security being given required by Law for which he paid ten shillings.

June 4<sup>th</sup> 1766  
 At a Meeting of the Wardens  
 Present

Mr Reeve

Mr Hulings

Mr Eve

Mr James

Mr Morris

- N<sup>o</sup> 15 William Thompson appeared and had his Branch deliverd him as a First Rate Pilot after security being given as required by Law for which he paid ten shillings.

- 16 James Maul also had his Branch as a first Rate Pilot & paid ten shillings  
 17 Joseph Gambo also had his Branch as a first Rate Pilot & paid ten shillings  
 18 Nicholas Maul also had his Branch as a first Rate Pilot & paid ten shillings  
 19 Abt<sup>l</sup> Weilbank also had his Branch as a first Rate Pilot & paid ten shillings

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1766  
 At a Meeting of the Wardens  
 Present

Mr Reeve

Mr James

Mr Eve

- N<sup>o</sup> 20 Richard Weil appeared and had his Branch deliverd him as a first Rate Pilot after the security being given as required by Law for which he paid ten shillings.  
 21 Alce<sup>s</sup> Bouce, Appointed to Thomas Rowland had his Branch deliverd him as a third Rate Pilot, after the security being given as required by Law for which he paid ten shillings.

Joseph



Joseph Saunders now produced the Accounts and Receipts for the following  
Sums paid for Account the Wardens vizt  
Henry Dawkins Engraver Six pounds ten shillings  
James Nevil, Copper Plate Printer, Two pounds  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Taylor Book binder Eighteen shillings  
and for six sheets of Wafers three shillings six pence

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr Reeve  
Mr James  
Mr Eve

Mr Morris  
Mr Nixon

- N<sup>o</sup> 22 Thomas Hand, appeared, and had a first Rate Branch delivered him  
having first given the security required by Law, & paid ten shillings  
23 William Schellinthe, Apprentice to Jerediah Mills of Cape May  
applied for a Branch and had it delivered to him as a second Rate Pilot  
after security being given as required by Law & paid Ten shillings.

The Wardens Ordered that two Charts, one of the Bay, and the  
other of the Bay and River Delaware to be purchased of Joshua Fisher  
for which the Clerk (Jos. Saunders hath paid seventeen shillings & six pence)

June 7<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr Reeve  
Mr Eve

Mr Morris  
Mr James

The following Persons appeared and had their Branches delivered  
them after security being given as required by Law vizt

- N<sup>o</sup> 24 Henry Fisher a first Rate Pilot for which he paid Ten shillings  
25 John Tolams Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
26 Jacob Art Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
27 Sam<sup>l</sup> Sanders Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
28 Edw<sup>d</sup> Howards Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
29 Nehemiah Field Apprentice to Henry Fisher a second Rate Pilot for  
which he paid ten shillings.

The Wardens Order that the Charts of the Bay & the Bay &  
River Delaware be Framed & Varnished in Order to be fixed up in the Office.

June 9<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr Reeve  
Mr Eve  
Mr Penrose

Mr Morris  
Mr Nixon

The following persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after security  
being given as required by Law vizt

- N<sup>o</sup> 30 Jeremiah Holden First Rate Pilot for which he paid ten shillings  
31 William Melliston Ditto for which he paid ten shillings



June 10. 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve  
Mr. Eve

Mr. Morris

The following persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after security being given as required by Law vizt

- N<sup>o</sup> 32 Cornelius Boone a First Rate, for which he paid ten shillings  
33 Rob<sup>t</sup> Jackson Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
34 Sam<sup>l</sup> Watson a Second Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
35 Dan<sup>l</sup> Mulford Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
36 Dan<sup>l</sup> Stillwell Ditto for which he paid ten shillings

June 11<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve  
Mr. Eve

Mr. Morris

The following persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after security being given as required by Law vizt

- N<sup>o</sup> 37 Will<sup>m</sup> Archbolds Apprentice to Rob<sup>t</sup> Cook Second Rate for w<sup>ch</sup> he paid ten shillings  
38 Will<sup>m</sup> Marshall Apprentice to Rich<sup>d</sup> Westley First Rate for w<sup>ch</sup> he paid ten shillings  
39 Henry Schillinger of Cape May Second Rate for w<sup>ch</sup> he paid ten shillings  
This day the Wardens agreed to meet in future half an hour past 11 o'clock a M.

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve  
Mr. Morris

Mr. Penrose  
Mr. Eve

The following persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after security being given as required by Law vizt

- N<sup>o</sup> 40 Jerediah Mills of Cape May a First Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
41 Dan<sup>l</sup> Shellinks of D<sup>o</sup> Apprentice to Abr<sup>l</sup> Bonnet Second Rate for w<sup>ch</sup> he paid ten shillings  
42 Isaac Hall of D<sup>o</sup> a Second Rate for which he paid ten shillings

June 13<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve  
Mr. Morris

Mr. Eve  
Mr. Penrose

The following persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after security being given as required by Law, vizt

- N<sup>o</sup> 43 Joseph Bayley a First Rate for which he paid ten shillings

Jacob



- N<sup>o</sup> 44 Jacob Crowells of Cape May a First Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
 45 Selathil Foster of Ditto Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
 46 Ezekiel Stevens of Ditto Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
 47 Nath<sup>l</sup> Foster of Ditto Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
 48 Henry Stevens of Ditto A second Rate for w<sup>ch</sup> he paid ten shillings  
 49 Joseph Bucks of Ditto Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
 50 Dan<sup>l</sup> Murphy Apprentice to Sam<sup>l</sup> Arnold for which he paid ten shillings  
 51 Abr<sup>am</sup> Yeates of Cape May a Third Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
 52 Thomas Bucks of Ditto a Second Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
 53 Nath<sup>l</sup> Church of Ditto Apprentice to H<sup>l</sup> Shillings a third Rate for ten shillings

June 14<sup>th</sup> 1766  
 At a Meeting of the Wardens  
 Present

Mr Reeve Mr Eve  
 Mr Morris

- The following Persons appeared & had their Branches delivered them  
 after security being given as required by Law viz<sup>t</sup>  
 N<sup>o</sup> 54 William West a First Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
 56 Price Higgins a Second Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
 57 Josiah Crowell of Cape May Ditto - for which he paid ten shillings

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1766  
 At a Meeting of the Wardens  
 Present

Mr Reeve Mr Morris  
 Mr Eve Mr James  
 Mr Penrose

After their sitting the usual time, and no Business appearing they  
 broke up and agreed to meet again to morrow at half after 11 o'clock AM

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1766  
 At a Meeting of the Wardens  
 Present

Mr Reeve Mr Eve  
 Mr James Mr Penrose

- N<sup>o</sup> 55 Nehemiah Fields appeared and brought a Certificate signed by  
 eleven Pilots & Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall, giving their opinion he was qualified  
 for a first Rate Pilot which being satisfactory to the Wardens they granted  
 him a Certificate as a first Rate Pilot after giving Security as the Law requires  
 for which he paid ten shillings

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1766  
 At a Meeting of the Wardens  
 Present

Mr Reeve Mr Morris  
 Mr Eve Mr Penrose

- N<sup>o</sup> 58 George Jackson apprentice to Jacob Art appeared & brought a Certificate  
 signed by twelve Pilots, signifying they thought him qualified for a second Rate  
 which was accordingly delivered to him, after giving Security as required by law  
 for which he paid ten shillings



June 20<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

W<sup>r</sup> Reeve      W<sup>r</sup> Eve  
M<sup>r</sup> Morris      W<sup>r</sup> James

The following persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after Security being given as required by Law. vizt  
N<sup>o</sup> 59 Moses Allen a First Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
60 William Oates Ditto for which he paid ten shillings  
61 Samuel Davis Ditto for which he paid ten shillings

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

W<sup>r</sup> Reeve      M<sup>r</sup> Morris  
W<sup>r</sup> Eve      M<sup>r</sup> Penrose

The following persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after Security being given as required by Law. vizt  
N<sup>o</sup> 62 William Jackson a Second Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
63 Luke Brylery Apprentice to Jos<sup>ph</sup> Holden a Second Rate for which he paid ten shillings

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

W<sup>r</sup> Reeve      W<sup>r</sup> Penrose  
M<sup>r</sup> Morris      W<sup>r</sup> Eve  
M<sup>r</sup> Nixon

Capt<sup>t</sup> Bartlett of the Sloop Polly bound from Philadelphia to Boston appeared and paid half Pilotage being Two pounds seven shillings vizt per  
Capt<sup>t</sup> John Whitmarsh of Schooner Dove from Boston to Philadelphia promises to pay half Pilotage being One pound seventeen shillings vizt per  
Capt<sup>t</sup> Whitmarsh says Nathaniel Foster was the first that spoke him and offered to bring him up.

The following Persons appeared and had their Branches delivered them after Security being given as required by Law. vizt  
N<sup>o</sup> 64 Abr<sup>m</sup> Gregory Apprentice to Jos Bayly a First Rate for w<sup>ch</sup> he paid ten shillings  
65 William Wainker of Lewis town a First Rate for which he paid ten shillings  
66 James Butler Apprentice to Rob<sup>t</sup> Cook a Second Rate for which he paid ten shillings

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

M<sup>r</sup> Halings      W<sup>r</sup> Eve  
W<sup>r</sup> Morris      W<sup>r</sup> Nipon  
W<sup>r</sup> Penrose      W<sup>r</sup> James

M<sup>r</sup> Eve was Elected President in the absence of W<sup>r</sup> Reeve.  
N<sup>o</sup> 67 John Saunders appeared and had his Branch delivered him after Security being given as required by Law for a first Rate for which he paid ten shillings

Henry



Henry Fisher says he offered himself as a Pilot to Capt. Joseph Anthony to carry down his Sloop call'd the Abigail, but he went away without any and told he would pay the half Pilotage, if the Wardens gave it in his favour, Witness he says present Tho. Richardson & Philip Benbact

July 2<sup>d</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Eve, President, Mr. Morris  
Mr. Penrose Mr. Nixon  
Mr. Hulings

N<sup>o</sup> 68 Henry Tudet applied for a Branch and had it deliverd him after Security being given as requir'd by Law for a First Rate for which he p<sup>aid</sup> ten shillings. The Clerk is orderd by the Wardens to apply to a Magistrate for a Summons against John Whitmarsh Ma<sup>r</sup> of the Schooner Dove, for half Pilotage up being one pound seventeen shillings & six pence, and half Pilotage down, or give Security for half Pilotage down, or that he will take a Pilot. Richard Westly Pilot informd the Wardens he offerd to carry down Capt. Whitmarsh who declared he would take no Pilot without they would go for half Pilotage and give him a receipt for whole Pilotage. Cornelius Bolone says he applied to said Whitmarsh to carry down several days since.

N<sup>o</sup> 69 Michael Dawson appeard and had his Branch deliverd him a Cert<sup>ificat</sup> Security being given as requir'd by Law for which he paid Ten shillings.

July 7<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Eve President Mr. Penrose  
Mr. Hulings

The Clerk Reports, That he has receiv'd from Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Whitmarsh Four pounds seven shillings and six pence being for his half Pilotage of his Schooner Dove up & Down she drawing ten feet five inches when Outward, and from Cap<sup>t</sup>. Joseph Cook of the Sloop Rising Sun bound from Philadelphia to Rhode Island One pound fifteen shillings half Pilotage, she drawing seven feet Water. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Whitmarsh says he thinks Nathaniel Foster was intitled to the whole, Mellinger & Bowne spoke to him but was after Foster. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Cook likewise says Nathaniel Foster is intitled to his half Pilotage.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Eve Presid<sup>t</sup> Mr. Nixon  
Mr. Hulings Mr. Penrose

The Clerk Reports he has receiv'd of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Timothy Parker of his Friends from Boston Two pounds being for half Pilotage up, who says a Pilot spoke him without the Cape, and Henry Mellinger appeard and declar'd that he spoke him.

Robert



Robert Spence Mate of the Ship Britton John Bonham Common.  
bound from Philadelphia to Jamaica, appeared and produced his Log book  
on which it appears entered as followeth.

June 11<sup>th</sup> At one PM the Capt. came on board in the Pilot boat, let go the main  
bower little Wind at NW, at 3 D. hove up and at 7 came too at Bonham  
hook, at 2 AM hove up and turned down the Bay the Wind at SE at  
9 ditto came too a breast of the 14 foot bank.

June 12<sup>th</sup> At 2 PM hove up the Wind at SE at 3 D. in putting about the  
Ship missing Stays Struck, trying to wear got fast a ground hauled the  
boat out laying all fall aback and carried out the stream anchor and main  
bower a stern to heave her off, at 8 D. got off, trying the Pumps found her  
to make no Water at 6 AM got under way the Ship still light at  
10 Ditto came too.

June 13<sup>th</sup> At one PM turning too to heave up observed the Ship to make  
Water, Rigged both Pumps, but finding her to gain on us hove up and run  
up in order to get into shoaler Water still keeping both pumps going, in  
heaving up parted the Cable, got foul of the buoy Rope trying to weight it,  
parted it, likewise at 6 ditto found we could hold our own on her, at  
2 AM being so dark The Pilot ordered to come too Anchor went up in his  
boat & the Capt. with him to get assistance from the Man of War, at  
5 D. found we gained fast on her at 8 D. found that she stop'd all at once  
and at 9 D. the Pilot boat came on board with 12 hands and two Officers  
at 1/2 past 10 feed her a little below Newcastle, little Wind let go the Anchor,

Joshua Moore produced his Bill for Framing and Varnishing  
the Maps of the Bay and River Delaware amounting to one pound  
two shillings & six pence which was paid to him by the Clerk & his  
receipt on the bill.

July 22<sup>d</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present  
Mr. Eve Presid.  
Mr. Hulings  
Mr. Conrose  
Mr. Nixon  
Mr. James

The Clerk presented William Dawsons bill amounting to six pounds  
for making a seal press and is ordered to pay the same.

70. Alexander Brice, an Apprentice to Thomas Howland produced a  
Certificate signed by twelve Pilots recommending him as a fitt person  
for a second Branch, and deliver'd up his Certificate for a third Branch &  
took out a second for which he paid ten shillings.

71 Eph<sup>m</sup> Bonham applied and had a first Rate Branch granted him  
after giving Security as the Law requires for which he paid ten shillings.

72 Matthew Strong Apprentice to Henry Fisher applied for a Branch  
and had a second Rate Branch granted him after giving Security as the  
Law requires for which he paid ten shillings.

The board being informed that William Skellinger had met with Capt.  
Gorham from Boston near the Windmill Island & demanded half Pilotage & when  
before the said Vessel came to an Anchor, which the said Skellinger received from  
Capt. Gorham as Precept by him produced the sum of two pounds, therefore  
the Clerk is desired to learn when Skellinger comes up & then call a board  
in order to examine him for such illegal procedure.



August 7<sup>th</sup> 1766

Capt. Joseph Anthony of Sloop Abigail Outward bound for Rhode Island this day paid his half Pilotage being Two pounds, two shillings & six pence & says Henry Shelling who brought him up, did offer to come up for him if he took a Pilot Outward, but he told him did not intend to take any.

August 12<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve, President

Mr. James

Mr. Eve

Mr. Hulings

Mr. Morris

Mr. Nixon

N<sup>o</sup> 75 Samuel Rowland applied for a Branch and had a first Rate granted him after giving Security as the Law requires, for which he paid ten shillings.

Capt. Samuel Moore has this day paid his half Pilotage Inward of Sloop Newport from Piscataqua being Two pounds five shillings and says Nathaniel Foster was the Man that spoke him, and did now to take him down.

The Clerk paid David Hall one shilling & six pence for the Law for the use of the Wardens. — And Ordered Five hundred Advertisements to be printed by William Bradford in order to certify all persons concerned to pay their half Pilotage to Joseph Saunders by Order of the Wardens.

August 18<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve, President

Mr. Hulings

Mr. Eve

Mr. Nixon

Mr. Morris

William Williams Pilot of the Man of Warr applied for a Branch but upon its appearing he was a Resident of New York the Wardens against him they could not grant him one for that reason.

Agreeable to the order of last Meeting the Clerk Reports he has received from William Bradford the Five hundred Advertisements and ordered one hundred of them to be put up in the proper places in this City, and has distributed some of them among the Pilots &c.

August 21<sup>st</sup> Capt. William Bartlett of Sloop Colly for Salem in New England paid half Pilotage down being two pounds seven shillings & six pence and says it belong to Selathiel Foster.

August 27<sup>th</sup> Capt. Timothy Parker of Sloop three Friends from New England paid half Pilotage up One pound ten shillings & half Pilotage down Two pounds two shillings & six pence which is together Three pounds twelve shillings & six pence, Capt. Parker says Joseph Bump is intitled to the Inward & Selathiel Foster to the Outward Pilotage as he offered to wait for him if he took a Pilot.

September 1<sup>st</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Pomose

Mr. Eve

Mr. Nixon

N<sup>o</sup> 76 Luke Shields applied for a Branch and had a first Rate granted him after giving Security as the Law requires for which he paid ten shillings.

Henry



N<sup>o</sup> 77 Henry Thomas Apprentice to Abraham Bennet also applied for a Branch and had a third Rate granted him after giving Security as the Law requires for which he paid ten shillings.

September 4<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>. Josiah Gorham of Sloop America for Boston has this day paid his half Pilotage up One pound fifteen shillings and Outwards Two pounds five shillings making together Four pounds and says one Crowell was the first that spoke him coming in, but do's not know who is intitled to the Outward Pilotage as many Pilots spoke him, but that none offered to wait for him, he says Millford did hoist a Whif or something like it, but he thought himself under no obligation to wait for him.

September 8<sup>th</sup> 1766  
This being the Quarterly Meeting of the Wardens the following spent met

Mr. Reeve      Mr. Eve  
Mr. James      Mr. Morris  
Mr. Hulings      Mr. Nixon

no business appearing the Wardens adjourn to Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Whitmarsh of Schooner Dove who came up Aug. 7 last has this day paid his half Pilotage up, saying he says only for seven inches Water is One pound twelve shillings & six pence and that Jacob Crowell was the Pilot that spoke him coming in, and further says that John Foster carries him down.

September 15<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Reeve      Mr. Morris  
Mr. Eve      Mr. Hulings

Jacob Crowell appeared and demanded half Pilotage Inwards for Cap<sup>t</sup>. Josiah Gorham in the Sloop America, and also half Pilotage Inwards for Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Whitmarsh of Schooner Dove amounting to Three pounds seven shillings & six pence was awarded to him by the Wardens first deducting five shillings from each Pilotage agreed to be the Clerks Fee for collecting &c.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Reeve      Mr. Hulings  
Mr. Eve      Mr. Nixon

N<sup>o</sup> 78 Daniel Flaharty applied for a Branch and had a first Rate granted him after giving Security as the Law requires for which he paid ten shillings.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. Waterman of Sloop Deborah declares Ab<sup>t</sup>. Bennet's boy Daniel Shelling was the Pilot who spoke him coming in this Voyage.

Daniel Murphy produced a Certificate signed by twelve Pilots recommending him for a first Branch which Certificate is to be considered of at a future meeting.

Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Howay of a ship from Barbados Consigned to Mr. Tuckerton complains that his Pilot Luke Dryler ran him on shore on the Lee patch where he was obliged to heave out his Ballast.

Ab<sup>t</sup>. Bennet appeared & demanded half Pilotage Outwards for Sloop Deborah John Waterman M<sup>r</sup>. which was awarded to him by the Wardens first deducting five shillings for the Clerks Fees, making together Two pounds at minute of Aug<sup>st</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1766



October 6<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

W<sup>r</sup> Reeve  
W<sup>r</sup> Eve

W<sup>r</sup> Halings  
W<sup>r</sup> James

- N<sup>o</sup> 79 John Stilwell of Cape May applied for a Branch and had a third Rate delivered him after giving Security as the Law directs for w<sup>th</sup> he p<sup>ay</sup>ed ten shillings
- N<sup>o</sup> 80 Samuel Watson of Lewis town also applied for a first Rate Branch which was granted him after giving Security as the Law directs for which he p<sup>ay</sup>ed ten shillings, and delivered up his former Branch N<sup>o</sup> 34 as a second Rate and took up his Bond for the same.

October 10<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Waterman has this day paid his half Pilots up, agreeable to his declaration of Minute of Sept<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> and also his half Pilots Outward bound for Boston, Inwards One pound twelve shillings & six pence & Outwards Two pounds amount to Three pounds twelve shillings & six pence and declares both to belong to Abraham Bennet

October 13<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

W<sup>r</sup> Reeve  
W<sup>r</sup> Eve

W<sup>r</sup> James

Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Howey of the Ship Antrim from Barbados who lately lodged a Complaint as of Minute of Sept<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1766 against Luke Bryley Pilot, left this day at the Office an Extract from the Ships Journal duly sworn to before James Humphreys Esq<sup>r</sup>, the consideration of which is deferred to a future Board. The Clerk is desired to give Notice to all the Wardens to meet to morrow evening at 6 o'clock at Sam<sup>l</sup>. Francis's at the Queens head in Water Street

October 14<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens at Sam<sup>l</sup>. Francis's

Present

W<sup>r</sup> Reeve  
W<sup>r</sup> Ennroe  
W<sup>r</sup> Eve

W<sup>r</sup> James  
W<sup>r</sup>. Vixon  
W<sup>r</sup>. Norris

The Wardens having duly considered Cap<sup>t</sup>. John Howey's Testimony relative to the Conduct of Luke Bryley late Pilot to the Ship Antrim of which he is the Master, and also having heard the said Luke Bryleys defence are hereby of opinion that the said Ship was ran on Shore by his neglect and unanimously determine that the said Luke Bryley is rendered incapable of exercising the Office and Duty of a Pilot, and the Clerk is desired to give him Notice in Writing to attend on Monday next at the Office to deliver up his Branch

On a complaint being lodged by John Baird Master of the Schooner Phoenix from Georgia against William Ware Pilot for not coming on board when desired, though they were in Distress by losing the former Master and their Foresail, the Clerk is Ordered to give him or his Security Notice to attend on the Wardens at their Office next Monday at 11 o'clock AM to answer to said Charge, or that if he is not in Town to desire his Security to attend.

The Wardens Order that Abraham Bennet be paid the half Pilots of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Watermans Sloop Debora h up & down being Three pounds twelve



twelve shillings and six pence first deducting five shillings from each for the Clerks Fees, agreeable to minute of October 10<sup>th</sup> instant

Cap<sup>t</sup> Nathaniel Shiverick of Sloop Lovers from Casco bay this day paid his half Pilotage up being One pound ten shillings.

October 15<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Timothy Parker has this day paid his half Pilotage of his Sloop Three Friends Inwards from Boston arrived about twenty five days since, and says it belongs to Thomas Hand who was the only Pilot that spoke him, he drew six feet Water and paid thirty shillings & declared he intended to take a Pilot Outwards.

October 20<sup>th</sup> 1766

1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Eve

Mr. James

Mr. Nixon P.

Jeremiah Holden appeared and acknowledged that he had received Notice from the Wardens as a security for his Apprentice Luke Bryson to deliver up his Branch, which he appeared averse to doing, and that for the Wardens Resolve, if the Branch is not delivered to them by this day 10 o'clock to put the Bonds in Suit

Jeremiah Mills appeared and says his Apprentice Will<sup>m</sup> Shellingier did speak to Cap<sup>t</sup> Gorham for his half Pilotage Outwards this day, and himself to Cap<sup>t</sup> Whitmarsh who engaged his half Pilotage outwards.

Henry Shellingier appeared and demanded the half Pilotage of Cap<sup>t</sup> Timothy Parker Inwards as of Minute of July 8<sup>th</sup> 1766 and also Cap<sup>t</sup> Anthony half Pilotage Outwards as of Minute of Aug<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1766 both which were adjudged to him by the Wardens and paid to him by the Clerk first deducting five shillings from each Pilotage making in the whole four pounds two shillings & six pence.

October 21<sup>st</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Nixon

Mr. Penrose

Mr. James

Mr. Eve

At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Nixon

Mr. Penrose

Mr. James

Mr. Eve

The Wardens took under consideration the complaint of Cap<sup>t</sup> Vane from Georgia some time since, who being sailed, Richard Smith appeared and declared that Edward Howard the Pilot that brought him up, related that William Ware refused to come on board him; Joseph King the said Ware's security also appeared and promised to examine into the affair and bring said Ware before a board of Wardens.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Whitmarsh appeared and acquainted the Wardens that he came up without a Pilot and acknowledged that he did not ask for one  
and



and declared he would not pay, unless the Law obliged him, on which the W<sup>ards</sup> determined to meet to morrow at 11 o'clock at the Coffee house to enforce the Law. —

Capt<sup>n</sup> Josiah Gorcham also appeared and says he came in on Cape Hen side and made a signal by hoisting his Ensign in the Shrouds but no Pilot came off or spoke to him though he declared he wanted one, therefore is accountable for his half Pilotage up. —

October 27<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Eve

Mr. Hulings

Mr. Conroe

Jeremiah Holden having not delivered up Luke Bryleys Branch the Warden are determined to sue the Bond which was delivered by the Clerk to Mr. Reeve President. —

William Ware Pilot appeared with his Security Joseph King and likewise Joseph Gambol, the Wardens reprimanded them for not going on board Capt<sup>n</sup> Bards from Georgia (see foregoing minute) of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant. —

October 29<sup>th</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> John Whitmarsh of Schooner Dove paid his half Pilotage Inwards (and said he drew six feet water) amounting to one pound & six shillings, and declared he intended to take a Pilot down. —

Capt<sup>n</sup> Josiah Gorcham likewise paid his half Pilotage Outwards two pounds five shillings for his Sloop America which Pilotage he supposed to belong to Jeremiah Mills, see minute of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant. —

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. James

Mr. Hulings

Mr. Conroe

Mr. Eve

Mr. Nixon

Elathiel & Nathaniel Foster appeared and demanded sundry half Pilotages, vizt. —

Capt<sup>n</sup> Bartlett of Sloop Polly for Boston Two pounds seven shillings & six pence

Capt<sup>n</sup> Whitmarsh of Sch<sup>o</sup> Dove Inwards & Outwards Four pounds seven shillings

Capt<sup>n</sup> Cooks of Sloop Rising Sun One pound fifteen shillings

Capt<sup>n</sup> Moore of Sloop Newport Two pounds five shillings

Capt<sup>n</sup> Bartlett of Sloop Polly Outwards Two pounds seven shillings & six pence

Capt<sup>n</sup> Parker of Sloop Three Friends Outwards Two pounds two shillings & six pence

making together Fifteen pounds five shillings which the Wardens

adjudged to them (first deducting the Clerks Fees) which was paid by the

Clerk accordingly. —

Joseph Bull also appeared and demanded half Pilotage of Capt<sup>n</sup>

Parker Inward bound which was Two pounds paid into the Office 8<sup>th</sup> July when

being adjudged to him (first deducting the Clerks Fees) was paid by the Clerk

accordingly. —

Fredrick Mills also appeared and demanded half Pilotage of Sloop Ameri-

Capt<sup>n</sup> Gorcham Outwards which was paid into the Office 29<sup>th</sup> October and was

adjudged to him being Two pounds five shillings (first deducting the Clerks Fees)

which was paid to him accordingly. —

Nehemiah



Nehemiah Maul, Pilot appeared and declared that he was employed by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter of the Ship Culloden (who lately lost her Anchors and Cables at Bombay hook and drove out to sea) to come to Philadelphia and take down for his use other Anchors and Cables which he did and proceeded to sea with them and delivered them safe on board said Ship, for which he demands the Sum of eight pounds, which the Wardens judging reasonable do direct Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter to pay. —

Samuel Edwards appeared and declared he had taken up an Anchor at the lower part of the fourteen foot bank which he says he will bring up and deliver according to Law, and the board of Wardens now desire Mr. Penrose & Mr. Nixon to view the said Anchor and value the same and make Report to the Wardens at next meeting. —

William Ware appeared & declared he had taken up an Anchor of about four or five hundred Weight a breast of the upper part of the Brandywine to the Westward in about five fathom Water & the Wardens now desire Mr. Penrose & Mr. Nixon to view the said Anchor and value the same and make Report to the Wardens at next meeting. —

Luke Shields jun<sup>r</sup> appeared and declared that he has brought up five Anchors which he took up in the Bay of Delaware viz<sup>t</sup> Two in the Whorekill Road, and the other three between the Brandywine & the Brown, which Anchors are Ordered to be landed in order to be viewed and valued, and Mr. James & Mr. Eve are appointed to that service. —

November 5<sup>th</sup> 1766. Agreeable to the Order of the Wardens of the 11<sup>th</sup> October the Clerk has paid Abraham Bonnett the half Pilotage Inwards & Outwards of Sloop Deborah John Waterman Master which was paid into the Office 10<sup>th</sup> of October amounting to three pounds twelve shillings & six pence first deducting ten shillings for the Clerks Fees. —

November 6. 1766 Daniel Mulford informed the Clerk that William (often came up without a Pilot and was unwilling to pay but on his producing the Law, he promised to call and pay it for the use of said Mulford Inwards but says he could not tell to whom Outwards, till he determines whether he will take a Pilot. —

November 10. 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present Mr. Reeve Mr. Eve  
Mr. Hulings

N<sup>o</sup> 81 Simon Edwards applied for a Branch and had a first Gate granted him after giving security as the Law requires for which he paid ten shillings. —

November 24<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Stephen Crowell of Schooner Defiance who sailed the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> without paying his half Pilotage has this day done it for Outward bound last Voyage for Boston which by the Memorandum of that date appears to belong to Henry Shellingon, but the Cap<sup>t</sup> says Crowell first spoke to him but was gone down & Shellingon informed him he was in Partnership with said Crowell, Cap<sup>t</sup> Crowell further says that he hoisted a Wiff in his Jack but no Pilot came off to him either that or this Voyage. —



November 24<sup>th</sup> 1766  
At a Meeting of the Wardens  
Present

Mr. Reeve  
Mr. Hulings  
Mr. Nixon  
Mr. Eve  
Mr. James  
Mr. Penrose

The five Anchors brought up by Luke Shields jun<sup>r</sup> Weighd as follows viz

N<sup>o</sup> 1. 2. 0. 17<sup>lb</sup> allowed for rust 4<sup>lb</sup> valued at 4<sup>sh</sup> 10<sup>d</sup>  
2. 3. 1. 23 ..... 6 ..... 5<sup>d</sup>  
3. 4. 3. 7 ..... 7 ..... 5<sup>d</sup>  
4. 7. 2. 7 ..... 7 or 9 ..... 5<sup>d</sup>  
5. 4. 1. 25 ..... 5 ..... 5<sup>d</sup>  
22. 1. 23

Cost of Weighing ..... £0. 3. 9  
Porterage .....

The Anchor brought up by William Ware  
Weighs 5. 0. 2 allowed for rust 6<sup>lb</sup> valued at 4<sup>sh</sup> 10<sup>d</sup>

Sam. Edwards & Moses Allen who took up an Anchor belonging  
to the Colloiden, Capt. Hunter appeared and brought an Account that it  
Weighd 13. 0. 22<sup>lb</sup> gross, The Wardens are of opinion the said Capt. Hunter  
should pay them Ten pounds in full satisfaction for their trouble.

Here follows Copy of two Receipts given by the President Mr. Reeve  
Received this 24<sup>th</sup> November 1766 of Luke Shields jun<sup>r</sup> Two Anchors  
weighing as follows.

N<sup>o</sup> 1. 2. 0. 17<sup>lb</sup> allowed for rust 4<sup>lb</sup>  
2. 3. 1. 23 ..... 6  
5. 2. 12  
--- 10<sup>lb</sup> ---

5. 2. 2 are 618. n<sup>ts</sup> appraised at 4<sup>sh</sup> ..... £10. 6.

N<sup>o</sup> 3. 4. 3. 7 allowed for rust 7<sup>lb</sup>  
4. 7. 2. 7 ..... 9  
5. 4. 1. 25 ..... 5

16. 3. 11  
--- 21<sup>lb</sup> ---  
16. 2. 18 are 1866

38. 17. 6 £49. 3. 6

Total amount Forty nine pounds three shillings & six pence which said Anchors  
were taken up in the Bay of Delaware between the Brandywine & Cape Henlopen  
for which a board of Wardens have awarded him to be paid according to Law, one half  
the above valuation, as soon as the Wardens are in Cash, Note the said Anchors  
were delivered and Weighd the 5<sup>th</sup> instant Nov<sup>r</sup>

Received this 24<sup>th</sup> November 1766 of William Ware, an Anchor weighing  
5. 0. 2 allowed for rust 6<sup>lb</sup>

6  
4. 3. 24 is 556 n<sup>ts</sup> appraised at 4<sup>sh</sup> 10<sup>d</sup> ..... £10. 8. 6

The amount being Ten pounds eight shillings and six pence  
a board of Wardens, have awarded him to be paid according to Law, one  
half the above valuation, as soon as they are in Cash, NB this Anchor  
was Weighd this day.



November 27<sup>th</sup> 1766 Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Barnardo of Sloop Rochester from Nantucket this day paid his half Pilotage Inwards, being one pound, twelve shillings, and says James Butler Apprentice to Robert Cook is intitled to it.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Tristram Coffin of Schooner Raven this day paid his half Pilotage Inwards from Nantucket, and says he takes a Pilot down, what half Pilotage belongs to Daniel Milford as a former minute.

November 27<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Penrose

Mr. James

Mr. Morris

Mr. Eve

The Wardens being acquainted by sundry Merchants, That most of the Pilots have refused to carry down Vessels unless they had a greater price for their service than the Law allows, and to effect their purpose had drawn & signed Articles of Agreement to stand by each other in defiance of said Law, did send for Perediah Mills who offered to go down to Cape May and bring up the Pilots there in order to take down said Vessels.

It is now determined that at the next Meeting the Wardens should endeavour to fall on a method to bring the Offenders to a sense of their Duty.

November 28<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Morris

Mr. Penrose

Mr. Nixon

N<sup>o</sup> 82 James Bruce applied for a Branch and a first Rate was granted him, after security being given as the Law directs for which he paid ten shillings.

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1766

At a Meeting of the Wardens

Present

Mr. Reeve

Mr. Hulings

Mr. Eve

Mr. Penrose

N<sup>o</sup> 83 Henry Schillinger applied for a first Rate branch and had one granted him after giving Security as the Law directs, and delivered up his second Rate branch N<sup>o</sup> 29 and bond of said number cancelled and paid ten shillings.

N<sup>o</sup> 84 Garret Hulsekamp applied for a Branch and had a third Rate granted him after Security being given as the Law directs for which he paid ten shillings.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1766 The Clerk paid Thomas Flanks half Pilotage for Sloop three Friends Timothy Parker M<sup>r</sup> Inwards as Entry of the 15<sup>th</sup> October being one pound ten shillings, first deducting five shillings Clerks Fee.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 7



Dec<sup>r</sup> 4. 1766 The Clerk paid Daniel Mulford half Pilotage of Sloop *Rever* Trustin Coffin *Ms*. Inwards as Entry 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1766 being one pound fifteen shillings first deducting five shillings Clerks Fee.

December 4<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a meeting of the Wardens

Present

M<sup>r</sup> Reeve

M<sup>r</sup> Thelings

M<sup>r</sup> Eve

M<sup>r</sup> Nixon

M<sup>r</sup> James

M<sup>r</sup> Penrose

Dan<sup>l</sup> Mulford applied for a first Rate Branch instead of his Second, but could not be granted for want of better knowledge of the Whorckill Road, he also applied for Cap<sup>t</sup> Josiah Gorham's half Pilotage Outwards as Entry of Sept<sup>r</sup> 4. 1766 being Two pounds five shillings which was awarded him first deducting five shillings for the Clerks Fees and paid accordingly. Jere<sup>d</sup>iah Mills applied for the money due him for his expences and trouble in making a trip to Cape May and back, The Wardens agreed it should be three pounds fifteen shillings which the Clerk paid him accordingly.

X NB. The Wardens had a meeting, the same evening at Sam<sup>l</sup> Francis at the Queens head in Water street who were all present except Abel James, when Henry Fisher and Samuel Rowlands appeared and after some conversation agreed to go down to the Pilots acting in opposition to this, and endeavour to bring them to sense of their Duty, which if they can with any grievances that they could make clearly appear to be such, they would endeavour to assist them at next sitting of the Assembly, but at the present they could not deviate from the Law in force &c.

December 8<sup>th</sup> 1766

At a meeting of the Wardens

Present

M<sup>r</sup> Reeve

M<sup>r</sup> James

M<sup>r</sup> Thelings

M<sup>r</sup> Penrose

M<sup>r</sup> Eve

M<sup>r</sup> Nixon

M<sup>r</sup> Morris

Agreeable to the Minute of Dec<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Henry Fisher & Sam<sup>l</sup> Rowlands went down to the Pilots and prevailed with most of them to come up to Town and proceed to their Duty; nevertheless the Wardens now met do agree that in a short time they are determined to examine into the Conduct of William Ware & Joseph Bagley and any others who have refused doing their Duty.

December 17<sup>th</sup> 1766

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Whitmarsh of Schooner *Dove* came & paid his half Pilotage Inwards from Boston and declares it belongs to Abraham Bennet, as his Boy was the first that spoke him, though he had declared before for Jere<sup>d</sup>iah Mills, which amounts to one pound ten shillings.

January





